1988-89. The figures of total amount spent so far is not available.

Construction of Airstrip in Bhilwara

645. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) by when the construction of airstrip in Bhilwara will be completed and Vayudoot services made available to the people; and

(b) what are the names of the cities proposed to be linked with Bhilwara by Vayudoot services?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) and (b) The National Airports Authority, at present, does not have any plan for construction of an airstrip in Bhilwara. This station is not included in the list of stations approved for airlinking by Vayudoot.

Unsafe Railway Bridges in Rajasthan

646. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of Railway bridges in Rajasthan which are are at present not safe for Railway traffic;

(b) whether there are many bridges in Rajastran which are without side railings;

(c) whether any accidents have been caused due to weak railway bridges in Rajasthan during the last three years and if so, what are the details thereof;

(d) the frequency at which the railway bridges are inspected;

(e) what are the steps taken to repair, renovate and provide side railings on railway bridges in Rajasthan; and

(f) the amount earmarked separately for repair of bridges and renewal of tracks falling in Rajasthan during the last three years; year-wise?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD) : (a) None, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Annual.

(e) All the railway bridges are inspected annually and repairs, as found necessary, are carried out. However, bridges having any special problem are inspected at closer intervals, as warranted. Bridges showing signs of distress are rebuilt or rehabilitated by carrying out special repairs, on a programmed basis. Side railings are not provided except on bridges having foot-paths for pedestrians or road-decking for vehicular traffic.

(f) Such information is maintained only Railway-wise and not State-wise.

Construction of Railway Bridges in Rajasthan

647. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the No. of over-bridges and under-bridges being constructed by the Railways in Rajasthan and the number of bridges out of them for which full cost of construction is being borne by the Railways;

(b) the number of over-bridges being constructed jointly by the State Government and the Railways and the percentage of cost being shared by each; and

(c) the places where construction of bridges was planned by the Railways during the last three years and the progress made in the construction thereof so far?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI HABIR PRASAD): (a) The number of road-over/under bridges at pdesent under construction in Rajasthan is 11. The full cost of construction is being borne by the Railways in respect of 8 bridges only.

(b) 3 road-over bridges are under construction jointly by the State Government and the Railways, who share the cost thereof approximately on 50 : 50 basis.

(c) A statement is attached.